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NEWS AND COMMENTS

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The sixteenth annual meeting of the Mississippi valley historical association will be held at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 29 to 31, 1923. Jasper Sipes, president of the Oklahoma historical society, Oklahoma City, and Margaret J. Mitchell of the University of Oklahoma, Norman, are chairman and secretary respectively of the committee on local arrangements. The program committee consists of Charles W. Ramsdell of the University of Texas, Austin, chairman, and Arthur C. Cole, Roy Gittinger, Louis Pelzer, George M. Stephenson, and James E. Winston. The president has appointed as the committee on nominations Orin G. Libby of the University of North Dakota, University, chairman, and Frank H. Hodder and John W. Oliver. All of these committees will welcome suggestions from any of the members of the association.

The *Annual report* of the director of the division of economics and history of the Carnegie endowment for international peace contains a report on the social and economic history of the world war prepared by Professor James T. Shotwell.

"Sir Alexander Mackenzie and his influence on the history of the north west" is the title of an article written by Walter N. Sage and published in the *Bulletin* of the department of history and political and economic science in Queen's university of Kingston, Ontario.

The Chicago historical society has recently established the practice of issuing a little leaflet, its *Bulletin*, in which it prints gossip interesting to its members, items about the work of the society and, usually, one or two letters or other documents from its collections.

"The trend of the direct primary," discussed by Ralph S. Boots in the August issue of the *American political science review*, is a subject of peculiar interest to the people of this country and particularly to those west of the Alleghany mountains, where the device has perhaps had its most extensive as well as longest trial.

In the *William and Mary college quarterly* for July, 1922, there are printed a few Preston letters from the collection which has been drawn upon by this periodical before. Among them is one written from Lex-

ington in 1793 by John Preston to his brother Francis; it contains some interesting comment on the troubled political situation in the old south-west in the days before the union had demonstrated its stability.

Otto A. Rothert, secretary of the Filson club, has prepared a useful little handbook called *The Filson club and its activities, 1884-1922*, containing, as the subtitle goes on to explain, "a history of the Filson club, including lists of Filson club publications and papers on Kentucky history prepared for the club." The book is issued by the club as publication number 32.

Following its custom the *Political science quarterly* prints as a *Supplement* to its September, 1922, issue a "Record of political events from July 1, 1921, to June 30, 1922," prepared by Harry J. Carman and Elmer D. Graper. In the regular number the two articles most interesting to the student of western history are "The new normal in foreign trade," by H. R. Mussey, and "The supreme court's review of legislation," by T. R. Powell.

The greater portion of the *Hispanic American historical review* for August, 1922, is devoted to an account of "Anglo-Spanish relations in America in the closing years of the colonial era," written by Vera Lee Brown. The monograph covers the years from 1763 to 1774, and is based largely on material found in the various archives of London. The student of the history of the Mississippi valley will find much of interest in the contribution.

Territorial governor Robert Lucas and Iowa in the days when he was its chief executive afford topics for a large part of the *Palimpsest* for August, 1922, to which John C. Parish, the editor, contributes the first two articles. Bruce E. Mahan tells about "Three early taverns," of Bloomington, now Muscatine, Iowa. The number for September is devoted to the Trappists, with four studies by Bruce E. Mahan: "A day at New Melleray," "The Trappists in Europe," "The abbey in Iowa," and "The life of the Trappists."

No issue of the *Register of the Kentucky state historical society* would be complete without a contribution from Dr. Jillson. The number for September, 1922, has from his pen "The Big Sandy valley, a regional history prior to 1850," with a bibliography of materials available on the topic. Other articles of this issue are "Captain James Harrod's company," by Lucien Beckner, "The Quarles family and their Woodford connections," by William E. Railey, "Captain Lewis Rose," by Carrie W. Van Arsdell, and "James Guthrie — Kentuckian, 1792-1869," by Robert S. Cotterill.

Following a paper in an earlier number of the *Georgia historical quarterly* in which the agriculture of Georgia north of the fall line was discussed, Dr. Roland M. Harper takes up the "Development of agriculture in lower Georgia from 1850 to 1880" in the issue of June, 1922. In some degree this account of Georgia's cotton belt in its general features casts light on the economic life of the states to the west, where similarities of topography and climate tended to bring about like institutions and development.

The July, 1922, issue of the *Ohio archaeological and historical quarterly* is primarily a Grant number. A full account of the Grant celebration at Point Pleasant, Clermont county, is contributed by C. B. Galbreath, who weaves into his narrative the substance if not a verbatim report of the speeches made upon the occasion. Non-Grant articles include the story of "Catherine Gougar," by Dr. Frank Warner, and "Ohio and western expansion," by Willis Arden Chamberlain. Professor Chamberlain's article will doubtless be in considerable demand from chambers of commerce and similar organizations in Ohio.

In the *Iowa journal of history and politics* for July, 1922, Erik McKinley Eriksson has a contribution on "Sioux City and the Black hills gold rush, 1874-1877." "A typical Iowa pioneer community," (Carlisle) is the subject of an address delivered at the dedication of the public park in Carlisle by George F. Parker and printed in this number of the *Journal*. The topic of "Iowa troops in the Sully campaigns" is presented by some contemporary evidence in the form of an extract from the diary of Henry J. Wieneke, some manuscripts, mostly letters, of Amos R. Cherry, and a letter of Josiah F. Hill.

In the *Canadian historical review* for September, 1922, is to be found a paper by Gilbert E. Jackson entitled "Wheat and the trade cycle," which may be read with as much profit by those who study phases of economic history in the United States as by the dwellers of the Dominion. The other contributions to this issue are more strictly Canadian in their bearing, being "The Canadian historical association," by James F. Kenny, "The noblesse of Canada," by Captain Charles E. Lart, and "The Mystery of Walker's ear," a story of the troubled days in Montreal after the English had assumed control in 1764, by A. L. Burt.

The *American economic review* for September, 1922, contains as a memorial to Henry C. Adams, a former president of the American economic association, a number of tributes paid this distinguished scholar by friends and associates at the meeting held at Pittsburgh in December,

1921. Not only the economist, but the historian and political scientist as well are indebted to this great teacher, so long connected with the University of Michigan, and public man, whose work, both as a writer and member of the interstate commerce commission, has unquestionably had much influence in American thought and life.

One more reminder that Missouri has recently celebrated the centennial of her entrance into the union is found in the *Missouri historical quarterly* for July, 1922, in the first instalment of "A century of Missouri art," by J. S. Ankeney. Other articles in this number are "Wheat raising in pioneer Missouri," by Asbury Good-Knight, "The influence of population movements on Missouri before 1861," by William O. Lynch, "Missourians abroad — Winston Churchill," by J. Breckenridge Ellis, "Arius, the Libyan," by Walter B. Stevens, "Pioneer life in southwest Missouri," by Wiley Britton, and another contribution by William G. Bek on "The followers of Duden."

Under the title "Points in Illinois history — a symposium," the editor of the *Illinois Catholic historical review*, for April, 1922, propounds a series of "mooted questions" relating to early Illinois history and prints several letters in which students of this field give their views of the topics. "Catholic education in Illinois," by Helen M. Larkin; "The early days of St. Joseph's college, Bardstown, Ky.," by W. J. Howlett; "The Illinois part of the diocese of Vincennes," by Joseph J. Thompson; "John Lancaster Spalding — early years in the priesthood," by J. B. Culemans; "Notre Dame — antecedents and development," by Harry W. Flannery; and "Planting the cross," by J. J. Thompson, are the other leading articles.

In the *Tennessee historical magazine* for April, 1921 (issued in June, 1922), Dr. George F. Mellen pays a tribute to "Calvin Morgan McClung," and includes an account of the collection left by Mr. McClung to the Lawson McGhee library at Knoxville. The collection contains much material on southern history and genealogy and especially on Tennessee history. In addition to the numerous books, some of them very rare items, there are manuscripts and maps of great value. Other articles in the *Magazine* are "The Natchez trace," by R. S. Cotterill; "The boyhood of President Polk," by A. V. Goodpasture; and "The battle of King's mountain," by Samuel C. Williams.

The January, 1921, *Journal of the Illinois state historical society* contains a copy of a letter probably written by Senator Doolittle in 1884 together with some correspondence which passed between Mr.

Duane Mowry, the editor, and Robert T. Lincoln, to whom the letter was addressed. Another source contribution in this number is "The Indian war of 1876, from letters of Lieut. Thaddeus H. Capron," prepared by Cynthia J. Capron. Other articles include "Dr. David Nelson and his times," by W. A. Richardson, Jr.; "Congregational church, Toulon, Illinois, 1846-1921," by Clare McKenzie; and "Two pioneer doctors of Stark county, Illinois" (Thomas Hall and Alfred Castle), by William R. Sandham.

This past summer the Minnesota historical society inaugurated a new policy of holding formal meetings at places other than St. Paul by convening at Duluth on July 28 and 29. Among the papers and discussions were those contributed by Mr. S. J. Buck, the superintendent, Professor Clarence W. Alvord, of the University of Minnesota, Mr. Franklin F. Holbrook, of the Minnesota war records commission, and Mr. W. E. Culkin, chairman of the St. Louis county branch of the war records commission. In addition to the formal exercises in Duluth there was an excursion to Grand Portage and old Fort Charlotte, two places which, together with the old portage trail, it is hoped will be made a state reservation before it is too late to preserve an interesting memorial of fur-trading days.

The last number of volume 5 of the *Wisconsin magazine of history*, June, 1922, has another of the chapters of General King's "Memories of a busy life," "Marshall Mason Strong, Racine pioneer," by Eugene Walter Leach, "The first traders of Wisconsin," by Louise P. Kellogg, and an account of the lost village of the Mascouten as one of the "Historic spots in Wisconsin," by W. A. Titus. For documents this issue of the *Magazine* has "Charles Minton Baker's journal from Vermont to Wisconsin," and some "Letters of George B. Smith," likewise descriptive of a journey to Wisconsin. The *Magazine* starts its sixth volume, September, 1922, with a number containing a continuation of General King's "Memories of a busy life," and papers by D. J. Gardner on "Incidents in the early history of Wisconsin lead mines;" by Truman O. Douglass on "Platteville in its first quarter century;" by Maria Greene Douglass on "Personal recollections of Platteville;" and by Angie Kumlien Main entitled "By the waters of Turtle lake." For a document the *Magazine* prints the first instalment of a diary written by Frederick J. Starin during the course of a journey from Montgomery county in New York to Milwaukee and various other places in Wisconsin. The trip was taken in 1840. There is also printed a letter written by Senator James R. Doolittle to C. A. Dana in 1880 and dealing largely with political affairs.

The last International congress of historical studies, held in London in April, 1913, voted that the next should be held in St. Petersburg in April, 1918, but no such meeting has occurred in these nine years. It is now arranged that such a congress shall be held at Brussels, April 8-15, 1923, under the patronage of the King of the Belgians. The invitations are sent out by the Royal academy of Belgium; Professor Henri Pirenne is president of the committee of organization, Father Hippolyte Delehay, S. J., and Professor Franz Cumont the vice-presidents; the address of the secretary is, Dr. F. L. Ganshof, 12 rue Jacques Jordaens, Brussels. Provision has been made for thirteen sections, representing the various divisions and aspects of history, and for coöperation, by committees in many lands, in the work of organization. The president of the American historical association has appointed a committee to act for it in making such preparations as may be requisite for participation by historical scholars in the United States. It consists of J. F. Jameson, chairman, Clarence W. Alvord, Carl R. Fish, Tenney Frank, Waldo G. Leland, James T. Shotwell, and Paul Van Dyke. The chairman would be glad to receive the names of any persons who think of attending, and to supply desired information. The fee for membership is fifty Belgian francs.